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A great tradition dating back more than half a century, "Lawmakers of Montana" was first published for the 1951 session of the Montana Legislature.

The first edition had a light green cover and noted it was "Compliments of Sen. J. Hugo Aronson." History buffs know that Aronson, a Republican oil producer from Cut Bank, was elected Montana governor the following year. The first book was compiled by E.N. Joffray, who was an assistant sergeant-at-arms in the House of Representatives. In addition to Gov. John Bonner, Lt. Gov. Paul Cannon, and the legislators, photos of the secretary of the senate, chief clerk of the house, and sergeant-at-arms in both bodies appeared in the first book. This, however, was the only year staff photos were printed.

Subsequent "Lawmakers of Montana" in the 1950s had light-colored tan, green, and blue covers until 1959 when the cover was metallic gold, similar to the copper cover today. Those editions were "Compliments of The Independent Record." The only session since 1951 for which "Lawmakers of Montana" was not published was 1961. This was roughly the time the Anaconda Copper Company sold its Montana newspapers, including Helena's Independent Record, to Lee Enterprises. Former Montana Gov. Tim Babcock and former House member Jerome Anderson, a long-time lobbyist, have confirmed that this is why no book was published for that session.

Publication resumed for the 1963 session and has continued until today with basically the same format. These versions have all had metallic copper covers, hence the book's nickname, the "Copper Book". The Anaconda Company published the book until it became a subsidiary of Atlantic Richfield. When, for the 1987 session, Atlantic Richfield announced it would no longer publish "Lawmakers of Montana," a group of trade associations banded together to ensure this yearbook of legislators would continue to be printed. At that time, Gary Langley took over the editing and publishing duties. In 1991, Pam Langley assumed these responsibility for the next two decades. Following Pam's passing in 2009, her and Gary's daughter, Kari Jane Langley Raines, continued on with the publication. The Langley family is to be commended for their role in maintaining the legacy of the Copper Book. In 2014, Kari arranged the transfer of publication duties to the Montana Legislative Services Division.

"Lawmakers of Montana" remains a valuable resource for legislators, lobbyists, and reporters, as well as the public, with its photos and background information about each of the 150 legislators, the governor, and the lieutenant governor. We look forward to the continuation of this unique Montana tradition.

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GOVERNOR
STEVE BULLOCK

Steve Bullock, Montana's former attorney general, was elected Montana's 24th governor on November 6, 2012.

Bullock, 48, has made better jobs, better education and a more effective government his top priorities.

Bullock was born in Missoula and raised in Helena. He attended public schools in Helena and graduated from Helena High School in 1984. He received his undergraduate degree from Claremont McKenna College and his law degree with honors from Columbia University Law School in New York.

Bullock and his wife, Lisa, have three children, Caroline, Alexandria, and Cameron.



LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
ANGELA MCLEAN

Angela McLean, former chair of the Montana Board of Regents, became Montana's 31st lieutenant governor when she was appointed by Gov. Bullock in February 2014.

McLean, 44, in addition to partnering with Gov. Bullock to promote his top priorities, has developed Montana SMART Schools, an initiative to reduce energy usage in schools with resulting savings. She also chairs the Montana Governor's Drought and Water Supply Advisory Committee.

McLean graduated from Twin Bridges High School and earned a bachelor's degree from Western Montana College in Dillon. She went on to earn her M.A. in curriculum and instruction from the University of Montana. She taught American history and government at Anaconda High School and served as an adjunct professor at Montana Tech.

McLean and her husband, Mike, have two children, Colin and Ellen.

The Senate

Sixty-Fourth Assembly



DEBBY BARRETT
President of the Senate

Debby Barrett - Dillon, Senate District 36, Republican. Born 1952 in Hays, Kansas; moved to Montana in 1958; Beaverhead County High School, Dillon, graduate; attended University of Montana-Western; rancher; served in House 2001-08, Majority Whip 2005-06, Speaker Pro Tempore 2007-08; served in Senate since 2009; spouse's name is Mike; they have one daughter, Barbara.

Matthew Rosendale - Glendive, Senate District 18, Republican. Born 1960 in Baltimore, Maryland; moved to Montana in 2002; Queen Anne's County High School, Centreville, Maryland, graduate; real estate broker in Maryland; has family-owned ranch north of Glendive; real estate developer; hobbies include hunting and snow skiing; served in House 2011-12; served in Senate since 2013; Senate Majority Leader 2015-16; spouse's name is Jean; they have three sons, Matt Jr., Brien, and Adam.



Matthew Rosendale, Majority Leader



Jon C. Sesso, Minority Leader

Jon C. Sesso - Butte, Senate District 37, Democrat. Born 1953 in Racine, Wisconsin; moved to Montana in 1978; B.A. in communications and environmental studies, University of Wisconsin, Madison; Butte-Silver Bow City-County Planning Director; Upper Clark Fork River Steering Committee; several federal, state, and local ad-hoc committees on land use and environmental clean-up; served in House 2005-2012; House Minority Leader 2011-2012; served in Senate and as Minority Leader since 2013; wife is Barbara Kornet, a successful restaurant owner in Butte.

Frederick (Eric) Moore - Miles City, Senate District 19, Republican. Born 1970 in Denver, Colorado; moved to Montana in 1989; Kent Denver High School graduate; attended Montana State University, majoring in agricultural business; farmer, rancher, feed lot operator; past director of Montana Stockgrowers Assn; Montana Beef Council Board of Directors; advisory commission of US Bank, Miles City; served in Senate since 2011; Majority Whip 2013-14; President Pro Tempore in 2015-16; spouse's name is Lea; they have two children, Maci and Andy.



Frederick (Eric) Moore, President Pro Tempore



Duane Ankney

Duane Ankney - Colstrip, Senate District 20, Republican. Born 1946 in Idaho; moved to Montana in 1969; Lapwai, Idaho, High School graduate; served in US Navy 1964-69; retired coal mine processing superintendent; Mason, American Legion member; served in House 2005-14, chair of House Appropriations Committee 2013-14; spouse's name is Carol Schillinger Ankney; they have five children.

Elsie Arntzen - Billings, Senate District 26, Republican. Born 1956 in Billings; Billings West High School graduate; B.S. in economics, University of Montana; B.A. in education, Montana State University-Billings; elementary teacher; YWCA executive board; Yellowstone County DUI Task Force; Forever Families board; Boys and Girls Club Alliance board; served in House 2005-2012; served in Senate since 2013; spouse's name is Steven; they have two daughters, Kendra and McKinzie.



Elsie Arntzen



Dick Barrett

Dick Barrett - Missoula, Senate District 45, Democrat. Born 1942 in California; moved to Montana in 1970; B.A. in economics, Swarthmore College; Ph.D. in economics, University of Wisconsin; retired professor of economics, University of Montana (1970-2007); member of Montana Reserved Water Rights Commission; served in House 2009-12; served in Senate since 2013; spouse's name is Sharon; they have one child.

Mark Blasdel - Kalispell, Senate District 4, Republican. Born 1976 in Kalispell; B.A. in hospitality administration, University of Nevada, Las Vegas; owner of Vista Linda Restaurant and Catering; served in House 2007-14, chair of House Taxation Committee 2011-12, Speaker of the House 2013-14; spouse's name is Renae; they have two children.



Mark Blasdel



John Brenden

John Brenden - Scobey, Senate District 17, Republican. Born 1941 in Scobey; B.S., Concordia College; graduate study, Adams State College and Pacific Lutheran University; retired farmer, businessman; member of numerous civic organizations; Montana GOP chair 1983-87; Northwest Power Planning Council 1989-93; Fish, Wildlife and Parks commissioner 2002-05; served in Senate 1993-94 and since 2009; spouse's name is Carol; they have three children.

Dee Brown - Hungry Horse, Senate District 2, Republican. Born 1948 in Rugby, North Dakota; moved to Montana as a young child; B.A. in elementary education, University of Montana; M.A. in counseling, Montana State University-Northern; retired education teacher and campground owner; member of Columbia Falls Chamber of Commerce, Agency on Aging, Delta Kappa Gamma, Montana Snowmobile Association; Outstanding Educator, SD 6 (Whitefish), and Lions Club Citizen of the Year award recipient; served in House 2001-06, 2009-10; served in Senate since 2013; spouse's name is Steven; they have two children, Ryan and Dedee, and four grandchildren.



Dee Brown



Taylor Brown

Taylor Brown - Huntley, Senate District 28, Republican. Born 1956 in Sheridan, Wyoming; moved to Sand Springs, Montana in 1960; Fergus High School graduate; B.S. in agriculture, Montana State University (MSU); broadcaster and owner of Northern Broadcasting System, Inc. and KGHL Radio AM-790 in Billings; past President National Association of Farm Broadcasting; board member MSU College of Agriculture, Alpha Gamma Rho, REAL Montana leadership program; served in Senate since 2009, Majority Whip 2011-12; spouse's name is Shannon; they have three children, Travis, Courtney, and Colter, and one grandchild.

Edward Buttrey - Great Falls, Senate District 11, Republican. Born 1965 in Helena; B.S. in electrical engineering, Montana State University; business owner; member of Employers Support of Guard and Reserve (ESGR); served in Senate since 2011; Majority Whip 2015-16; spouse's name is Jessica; they have three children, Kenzy, Macy and Taylee.



Edward Buttrey



Mary Caferro

Mary Caferro - Helena, Senate District 41, Democrat. Born in Whitefish; Whitefish High School graduate; attended Helena College; works for The Arc, Montana Chapter; served in House 2005-2012; served in Senate since 2013; she has four children, Margaret, Hallie, Joseph, and Kenji Swain.

Jill Cohenour - East Helena, Senate District 42, Democrat. Born 1966 in Havre; B.A. in chemistry, University of Montana; chemist at Montana State Environmental Laboratory; president of Federation of Public Health and Human Services Local #4573; MEA-MFT Board of Directors; AFT Public Employee PPC Chair; Eastgate Water Sewer Board; Life member of Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation; East Helena VFW for work on military/ veterans; MEA-MFT public employee of the year; served in the House 2003-10; spouse's name is Joe; they have two daughters, Allysha and Taylor.



Jill Cohenour



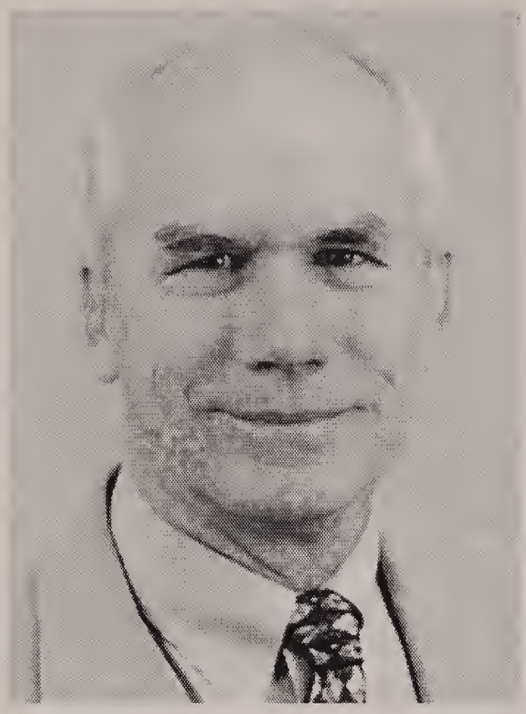
Pat Connell

Pat Connell - Hamilton, Senate District 43, Republican. Born 1949 in Santa Monica, California; moved to Montana in 1969; A.S. in electronic technology, Southwestern College, Chula Vista, California; B.S. in resource conservation, University of Montana; certified professional forester; commercial pesticide application; attended PNWER Legislative Energy Horizon Institute in 2013; served in House 2011-14; spouse's name is Patricia; they have two grown sons.

Robyn Driscoll - Billings, Senate District 25, Democrat. Born 1962 in Billings; B.A. in political science/history with a minor in paralegal, Rocky Mountain College; coordinator for Billings Public Schools; Montana Council on Developmental Disabilities; Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision; served in House 2005-12; served in Senate since 2013; Minority Whip 2013-16; spouse's name is Walter "Skip" Madison; they have a daughter.



Robyn Driscoll



Tom Facey

Tom Facey - Missoula, Senate District 50, Democrat. Born 1954 in Helena; attended high school in Quartz Hill, California; B.A. in biology and M.Ed., University of Montana; retired teacher; served in House 1999-2006; served in Senate since 2011; Minority Whip 2015-16; spouse's name is Maureen O'Malley.

Jennifer Fielder - Thompson Falls, Senate District 7, Republican. Born 1966 in Snohomish County, Washington; A.A.S. in ski instruction and coaching, Wenatchee Valley College; B.S. in parks and recreation with a coaching minor, Western State College of Colorado; landscape designer/recreation planner/general contractor; served in Senate since 2013; spouse's name is Paul.



Jennifer Fielder



Bradley Maxon Hamlett

Bradley Maxon Hamlett - Cascade, Senate District 15, Democrat. Born 1949 in Great Falls; B.A. in history, University of Montana; cattle rancher; Western art gallery owner; past President Sun River Historical Society; past Big Brother for Big Brothers-Big Sisters; past vice-president of All Nations Pishkun (friends group for state parks); served in Senate since 2009; spouse's name is Sherry Gallagher; they have two children and three grandchildren.

Kristin Hansen - Havre, Senate District 14, Republican. Born 1969 in Peoria, Illinois; moved to Montana in 2003; Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School graduate; B.A., Augustana College, IL; J.D., John Marshall School of Law, Chicago, IL; served in Montana Army National Guard, Iraq combat tour 2007-08 as a judge advocate with Task Force 49 Aviation Brigade; served in House 2011-14.



Kristin Hansen



Jedediah Hinkle

Jedediah Hinkle - Bozeman, Senate District 32, Republican. Born 1980 in Sitka, Alaska; moved to Montana in 1984; B.S. in fish and wildlife management, Montana State University; taxidermist and fisheries technician; awarded a patent on a fishing fly titled the "Hinkle Patriot" with a woven American flag on the back of the fly.

Brian Hoven - Great Falls, Senate District 13, Republican. Born 1941 in Great Falls; Great Falls High graduate; B.S. in engineering, Princeton University; manufacturing manager Procter & Gamble 1963-77; moved back to Montana in 1978 and started Hoven Equipment Co. in Great Falls; Cascade County Republican Committee chair; Montana Equipment Dealers Assn Board of Directors; Great Falls Chamber of Commerce; Army Reserve veteran; served in House 2009-14; spouse's name is Barbara; they have a daughter, Dale, and a son, Sean, and four grandchildren, two of which are adopted from Ethiopia and China.



Brian Hoven



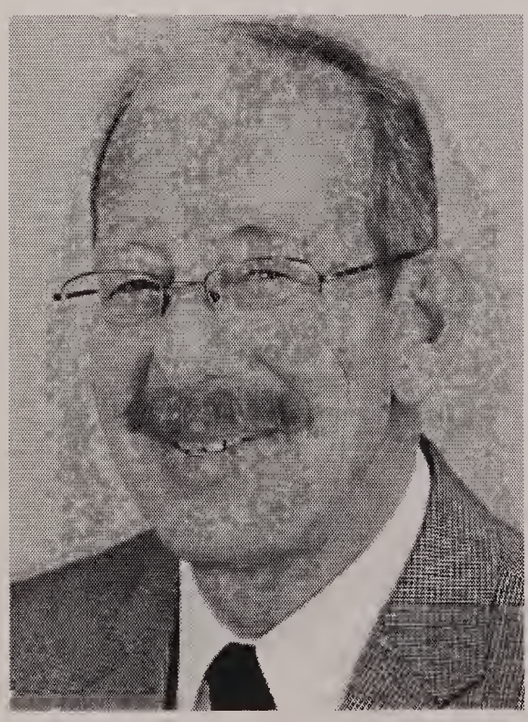
David Howard

David Howard - Park City, Senate District 29, Republican. Born 1946; B.S. in criminology, University of Los Angeles; M.S. in public administration, DePaul University; U.S. Army 1967-69, Vietnam veteran; former FBI agent and BLM Chief of Law Enforcement officer for CA; created, operated, and sold an investigative business; CEO of A&E Groups, a business that creates systems to prevent unethical workplace actions and provides training in workplace violence and communications; served in House 2009-14; spouse's name is Carla; they have six daughters, Cameo, Lacy, Julina, Dara, Karissa, and Ariena, and ten grandchildren.

Llew Jones - Conrad, Senate District 9, Republican. Born 1962 in Helena; Conrad High School graduate; B.S. in agriculture business and M.S. in applied economics, Montana State University; small business owner, farmer, and rancher; Conrad Chamber of Commerce past president; Pondera Coalition for Progress; Golden Triangle Pachyderm past president; Conrad Wrestling club past president; two terms as a Conrad City Councilman; served in House 2005-10; served in Senate since 2011; Majority Whip 2013-2014; spouse's name is Carole; they have four children and six grandchildren.



Llew Jones



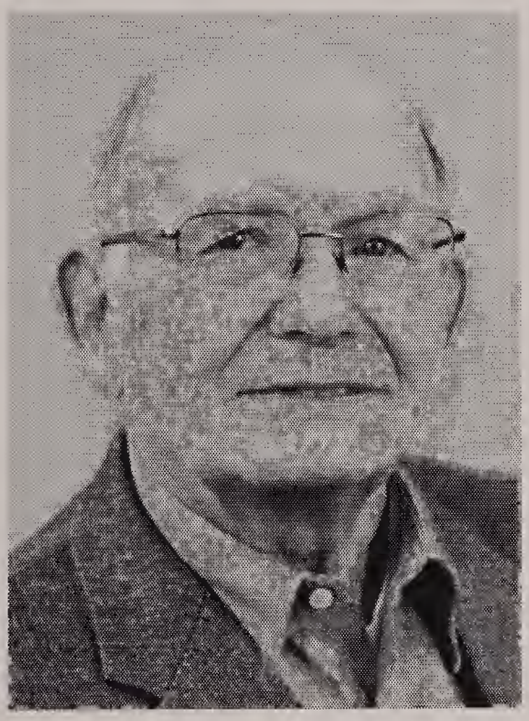
Doug Kary

Doug Kary - Billings, Senate District 22, Republican. Born 1951 in Dickinson, North Dakota; moved to Montana in 1995; A.A., Minot State University, Minot, North Dakota; retired from graphic consulting and marketing; served in House 2011-14, spouse's name is Paulette; they have two grown children.

Christine Kaufmann - Helena, Senate District 40, Democrat. Born 1951 in Tiskilwa, Illinois; moved to Montana in 1982; B.A. in biology, Goshen College, Indiana; M.A. in environmental studies, University of Montana; health insurance navigator for Montana Primary Care Association; served in House 2001-06; appointed to Senate in 2006 and has served in Senate since then; partner's name is Patricia Kemp.



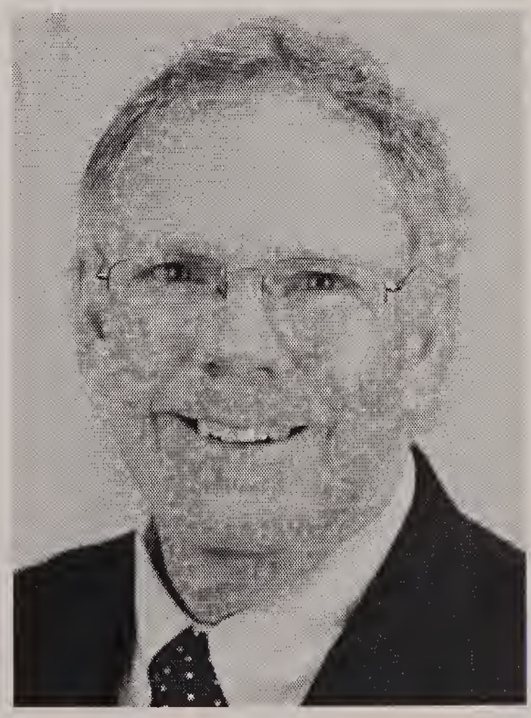
Christine Kaufmann



Jim Keane

Jim Keane - Butte, Senate District 38, Democrat. Born 1941 in Butte; Butte Central High School graduate; attended University of Hawaii, Montana Tech, Western Montana College, and University of Wyoming; retired; former business manager, Operating Engineers Local 400; Montana AFL-CIO past vice president; served in House 2001-08; served in Senate since 2009; spouse's name is Dolores; they have three children, Alisa, Kiely, and Kevin, and nine grandchildren.

Bob Keenan - Bigfork, Senate District 5, Republican. Born 1952 in Salem, Massachusetts; moved to Montana in 1982; B.S. in hotel, restaurant, and travel administration; owner of Bigfork Inn Restaurant; served in House 1995-98; served in Senate 1999-2006; Senate President 2003-04, Senate Minority Leader 2005-06; spouse's name is Suzie; they have five children.



Bob Keenan



Cliff Larsen

Cliff Larsen - Missoula, Senate District 47, Democrat. Born 1943 in Neosho, Missouri; moved to Montana in 1984; A.A., Boise Junior College; B.A. in education, Boise State University; M.S.W. in social work, Portland State University; Idaho National Guard then U.S. Army for 3 years; Vietnam veteran; rancher, farmer; retired businessman and teacher; taught at University of Oregon and Boise State University; Missoula County Airport Authority commissioner; American Legion Post 27 trustee; former consultant to nursing homes on quality patient care; Habitat for Humanity; Ducks Unlimited; Five Valleys Land Trust; served in Senate since 2009; Minority Whip 2013-14; spouse's name is Trish; they have a son, Tucker.

Sue Malek - Missoula, Senate District 46, Democrat. Born 1951 in Minot, North Dakota; moved to Montana in 1953; M.A. in communications, University of Montana; retired social worker for the State of Montana and higher education student guidance at the University of Montana; CSG Leadership Academy graduate; Toll Fellow; PNWER Legislative Energy Horizon Institute graduate; served in House 2009-12; served in Senate since 2013; spouse's name is Bill Turner; they have one son.



Sue Malek



Mary McNally

Mary McNally - Billings, Senate District 24, Democrat. Born 1955 in Springfield, Massachusetts; moved to Montana in 1987; B.S. in urban studies, Worcester State College; M.B.A., Indiana University; Ph.D. in economic geography, University of Chicago; Business professor at Montana State University-Billings; served in House 2011-14; spouse's name is Monte Smith.

Mary Sheehy Moe - Great Falls, Senate District 12, Democrat. Born 1950 in Billings; B.A. in English, M.A. in curriculum and instruction and Ed.D. in educational leadership, University of Montana; higher education administration; Great Falls Public Schools Board of Trustees 2011-14; Columbia Falls local government study commission 1984-86; Montana Teacher of the Year 1986; Montana Ambassador/Governor's award for outstanding higher education leadership 2005; spouse's name is Duane Moe; they have three children.



Mary Sheehy Moe



Mike Phillips

Mike Phillips - Bozeman, Senate District 31, Democrat. Born 1958 in Charleston, Illinois; moved to Montana in 1994; B.S. in ecology, University of Illinois; M.S. in wildlife ecology, University of Alaska; biologist; coach youth sports teams; Gallatin County Open Lands Board; member and board of directors of conservation organizations; member of several scientific organizations; founding member of Bozeman Schools Foundation; chairman of Great Schools, Great Communities; served in House 2007-12; served in Senate since 2013; spouse's name is Linda; they have four children.

JP Pomnichowski - Bozeman, Senate District 33, Democrat. Born 1967 in Great Falls; B.S., Montana State University; technical writer/graphic designer; EMT/firefighter; radio and tv news producer/director; medical practice manager; League of Women Voters; Bozeman Business and Professional Women; Bozeman Board of Adjustment; Bozeman Planning Board; Montana State Board of Labor Appeals; served in House 2006-10 and 2012-14.



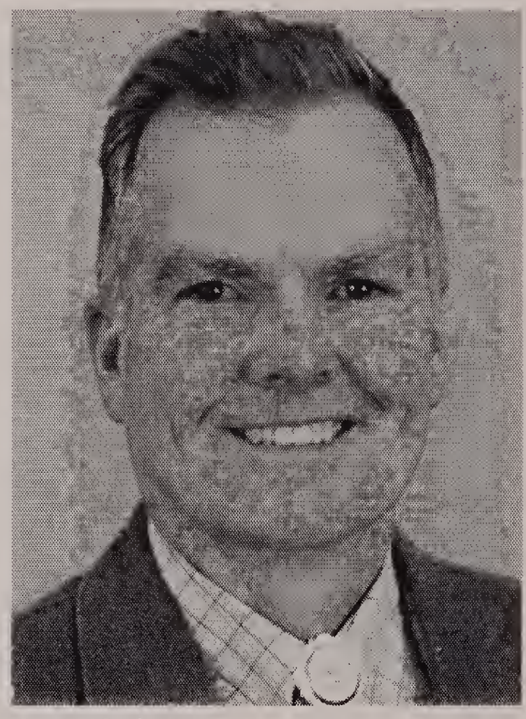
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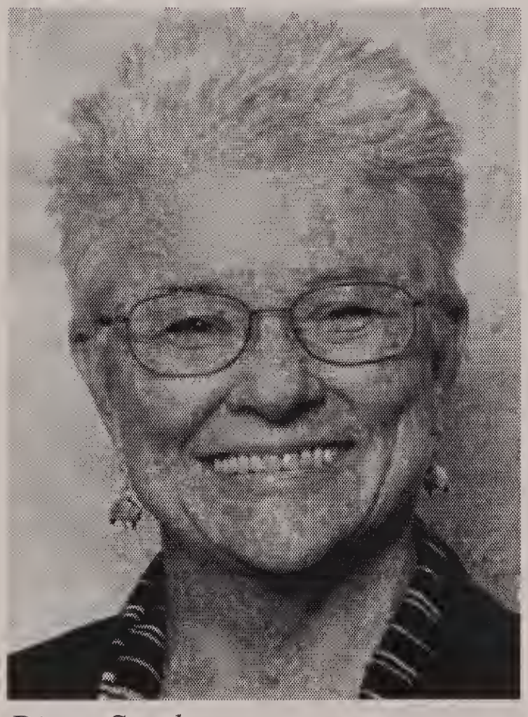
Rick Ripley

Rick Ripley - Wolf Creek, Senate District 10, Republican. Born 1951 in Whitefish; Masters degree, Montana State University; rancher; served in House 2001-08; served in Senate since 2009; spouse's name is April; they have two grown daughters.

Scott Sales - Bozeman, Senate District 35, Republican. Born 1960 in Douglas, Wyoming; moved to Montana in 1992; B.B.A. in industrial business, Boise State University; private business; served in House 2003-10; Speaker of the House 2007-08, Minority Leader 2009-10; served in Senate since 2013; he has three children.



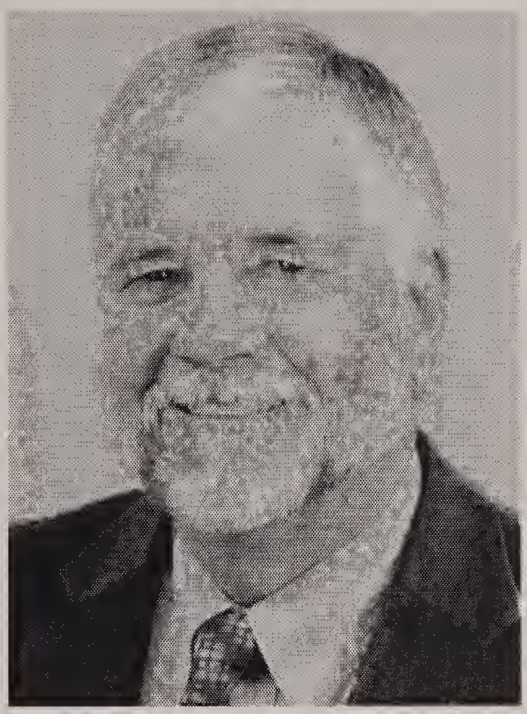
Scott Sales



Diane Sands

Diane Sands - Missoula, Senate District 49, Democrat. Born 1947 in St. Ignatius; Frazer High School graduate; B.A. in anthropology, University of Montana; graduate work in history and women's studies, George Washington University; retired from the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula; Carol's List; American Association of University Women; co-sponsor of the Women's History Mural in the Capitol; served in House 1997-98, 2007-12; partner's name is Ann Mary Dussault, who was the first female Speaker of the House.

Cary Smith - Billings, Senate District 27, Republican. Born 1950 in Salt Lake City, Utah; moved to Montana in 1993; B.S. in psychology, University of Utah; retired retail management from Sears, Roebuck and Co.; served in House 2009-14; House Majority Whip 2011-14; Senate Majority Whip 2015-16; spouse's name is Susan; they have six children and 27 grandchildren.



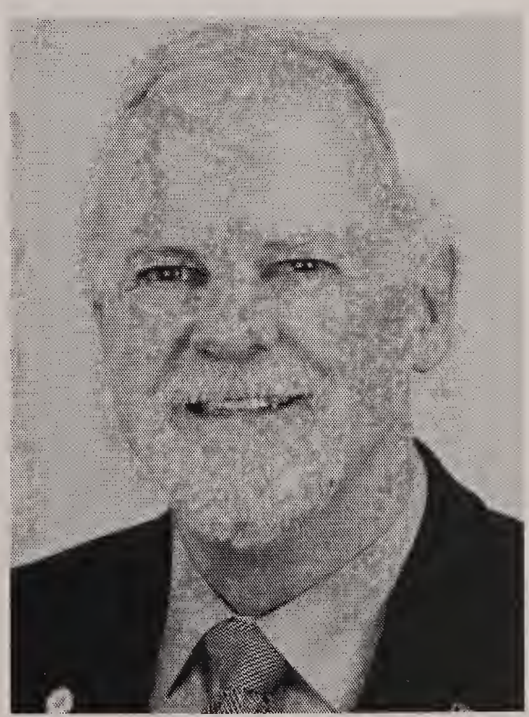
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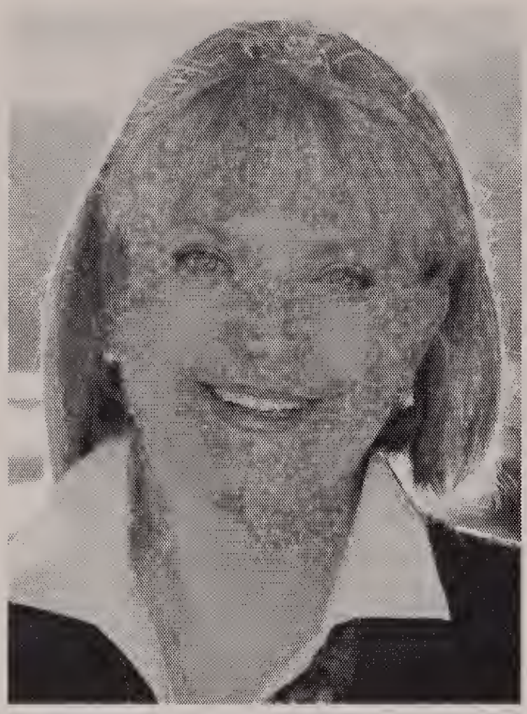
Sharon Stewart-Peregoy

Sharon Stewart-Peregoy - Crow Agency, Senate District 21, Democrat. Born 1953 in Crow Agency; Hardin High School graduate; B.S. in elementary education, Montana State University; M.A. in education, Seattle City University; educator at Little Big Horn College; Apsaalooke Youth Leadership Development Cadre founder; Crow Agency Horizons Project facilitator; Little Big Horn College trustee; served in Senate since 2009; she has a daughter, Buffy, nieces Tanya, Tamara, Linsay, and Carmel, nephews Alvin III, Mitchell, and Robin, and six grandchildren.

Nels Swandal - Wilsall, Senate District 30, Republican. Born 1953 in Livingston; B.A. in government, Montana State University; J.D., University of Montana School of Law; General Staff College; Judge Advocate General School; attorney with Swandal Law, PLLC; Sixth Judicial District Judge; Park County Attorney; U.S. Army JAG Corp 1978-08; spouse's name is Debra; they have three children, two deceased.



Nels Swandal



Janna Taylor

Janna Taylor - Dayton, Senate District 6, Republican. Born in Minneapolis, Minnesota; moved to Montana in 1984; B.S. in education, University of Minnesota; agri-business; PEO; Rollins Women's Club; DAR; served in House 2005-12; Speaker Pro Tempore 2011-12; served in Senate since 2013; Majority Whip 2013-14; spouse's name is Michael; they have two children and four grandchildren.

Fred Thomas - Stevensville, Senate District 44, Republican. Born 1958 in Hamilton; attended Stevensville schools; B.S. in business and finance, Montana State University; bond/ insurance agent; served on the Stevensville School Board; member of St. Mary's Catholic Church; past president of national professional insurance agent's association; served in House 1985-92; served in Senate 1997-2004 and since 2013; Majority Whip 1999-2000, Majority Leader 2001-02; spouse's name is Suzzie; they have three sons.



Fred Thomas



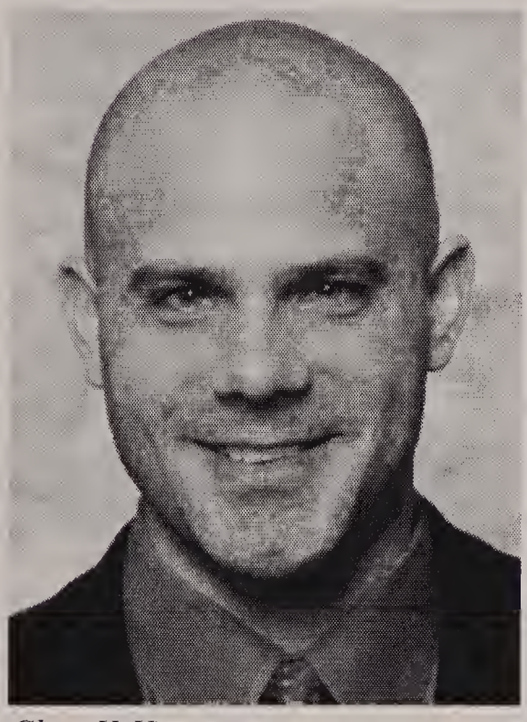
Bruce Tutvedt

Bruce Tutvedt - Kalispell, Senate District 3, Republican. Born 1955 in Kalispell; Flathead High School graduate; B.S. in agricultural business, Montana State University; farmer; member of Rotary; presidential appointee to Montana USDA Farm Services Agency Committee and elected chairman; served in Senate since 2009; spouse's name is Linda; they have three children.

Gordon Vance - Belgrade, Senate District 34, Republican. Born 1951 in Great Falls; B.A. in political science, Montana State University; retired from retail; served in House 2009-14; House Majority Leader 2013-14; spouse's name is Shelley.



Gordon Vance



Chas V. Vincent

Chas V. Vincent - Libby, Senate District 1, Republican. Born 1977 in Kalispell; Libby High School graduate; B.A. in political science and communications, University of Montana; consultant for Environomics, Inc.; board member of Kootenai Forest Stakeholders and Montanans for Responsible Energy Development; member of Communities for a Greater Northwest, Lincoln County Resource Advisory Committee, and NRA; served in House 2007-2012, Minority Whip 2009-10, Majority Whip 2011-12; served in Senate since 2013; spouse's name is Michelle; they have four children, Addyson, Madison, Reagan, and Cash.

Gene Vuckovich - Anaconda, Senate District 39, Democrat. Born 1936 in Anaconda; Anaconda Senior High School graduate; B.S. in education, University of Montana-Western; M.S. in mathematics, University of Utah; served in Senate since 2011; spouse's name is Noreen; they have six children and nine grandchildren.



Gene Vuckovich



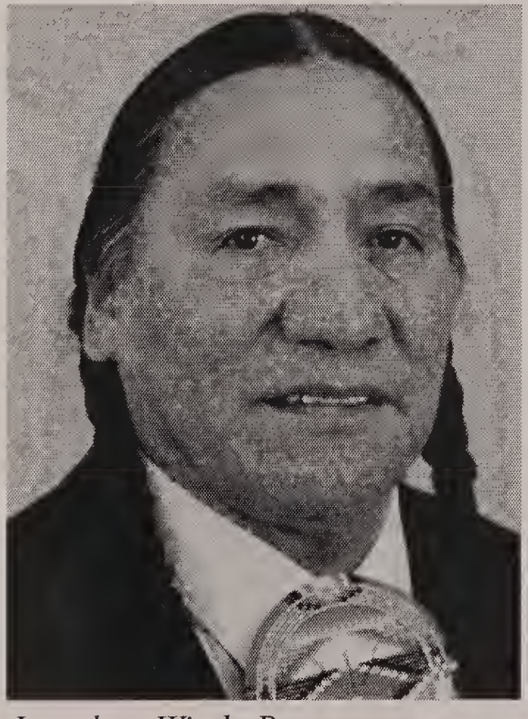
Roger Webb

Roger Webb - Billings, Senate District 23, Republican. Born 1953 in Borger, Texas; moved to Montana in 1988; B.S. in industrial management, University of Nebraska; business owner and developer; served in Senate since 2013; spouse's name is Peggy; they have five children.

Lea Whitford - Cut Bank, Senate District 8, Democrat. Born in Browning; Browning High School graduate; A.A. in Blackfeet studies, Blackfeet Community College; B.A. in secondary health/physical education and history, Montana State University-Northern; M.Ed. in adult, community, and higher education, Montana State University; planner for Blackfeet Tribal Planning and Economic Department; former educator at Blackfeet Community College and Browning High School; served in House 2013-14; she has three children, Whitney, Rabe, and Kobe.



Lea Whitford



Jonathan Windy Boy

Jonathan Windy Boy - Box Elder, Senate District 16, Democrat. Born 1958 in Fort Belknap; Box Elder High School graduate; degree in telecommunications, Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute; Chippewa-Cree Tribal Councilman; served in House 2003-08; served in Senate since 2009; has a daughter, Jennifer, and two granddaughters, Jennine and Jazmyn.

Cynthia Wolken - Missoula, Senate District 48, Democrat. Born in Missouri; B.A. in geography, University of Colorado; J.D., Washington University; attorney; Board of Directors of Carol's List; Board of Directors of Home Resource Center of Missoula; Council woman on Missoula City Council; precinct committee woman for Missoula County Democrats; served on Montana Human Rights Commission and former state chair; Young Elected Officials; Fellow, American Council on Young Political Leaders; spouse's name is Aaron Hedges; they have one son.



Cynthia Wolken

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AUSTIN KNUDSEN
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Austin Knudsen - Culbertson, House District 34, Republican. Born 1981 in Bainville; graduated from Culbertson High School; B.A. in political science and B.S. in sociology, Montana State University; J.D., University of Montana School of Law; fifth generation Montana farmer/rancher, attorney, Knudsen Law, PLLC; descendent Turtle Mountain Chippewa; served in House since 2011; spouse's name is Christie; they have three children.

Keith Regier - Kalispell, House District 4, Republican. Born 1951 in Henderson, Nebraska; moved to Montana in 1975; B.S. in education, University of Nebraska; small business owner of a sod company; retired teacher; West Valley School Trustee 1992-98; Flathead High School trustee 1999-08; served in House since 2009; Majority Leader 2015-16; spouse's name is Jolene; they have three children.



Keith Regier, Majority Leader



Chuck Hunter, Minority Leader

Chuck Hunter - Helena, House District 83, Democrat. Born 1953 in Glenwood Springs, CO; moved to Montana in 1979; Darien High, CT, graduate; B.A. in liberal arts, Elmira College; M.A. in education, University of Colorado; small business owner and retired state employee; former DPHHS administrator for three divisions; former DOL Unemployment Insurance administrator; Children's System of Care Planning Committee member; has served on boards for Intermountain Children's Home, Montana Children's Trust Fund, Myrna Loy Center, and Montana Wildlife Federation; served in House since 2009; Minority Leader 2013-16; spouse's name is Casi; they have four children, Jeff, Tia, Tyler, and Cole.

Lee Randall - Broadus, House District 37, Republican. Born 1984 in Billings; attended Montana State University for three years studying agricultural business; rancher; served in House since 2009; Speaker Pro Tempore 2015-16; spouse's name is Missy; they have two children.



Lee Randall, Speaker Pro Tempore



Nancy Ballance

Nancy Ballance - Hamilton, House District 87, Republican. Born in Champaign, IL; retired executive from an international insurance and financial services company; Hamilton School Board trustee; served in House since 2013; spouse's name is Larry; they have one son and two grandsons.

Bryce Bennett - Missoula, House District 91, Democrat. Born 1984 in Billings; B.A. in communication studies, University of Montana; executive director of a nonprofit organization; served in House since 2011, Minority Caucus Chair 2013-14, Minority Whip 2015-16.



Bryce Bennett



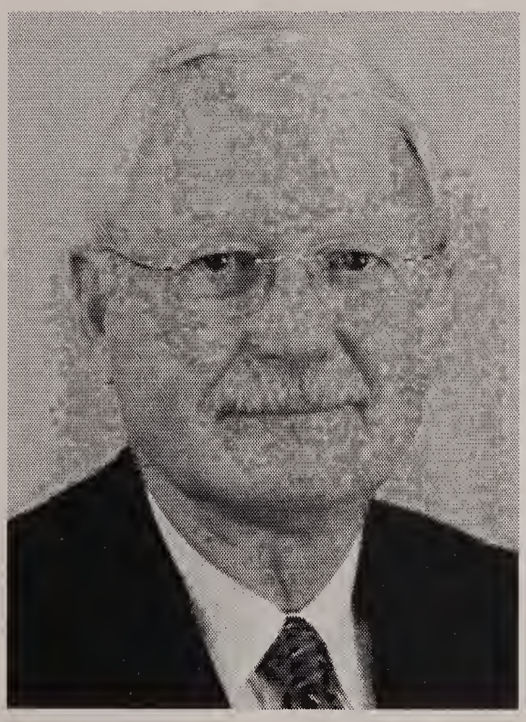
Jerry Bennett

Jerry Bennett - Libby, House District 1, Republican. Born 1956 in Fairbanks, Alaska; moved to Montana in 1960; Libby High School graduate; community college accounting diplomas; travel institute diploma; self-employed in service industry; involved over the years in 10 civic or community organizations; served in House since 2009, Majority Whip 2011-12, 2015-16; spouse's name is Malia; they have two children and eight grandchildren.

Seth Berglee - Joliet, House District 58, Republican. Born 1985 in Culbertson; B.S. in zoology, The Ohio State University; entrepreneur; U.S. Army 2010-13; VFW member.



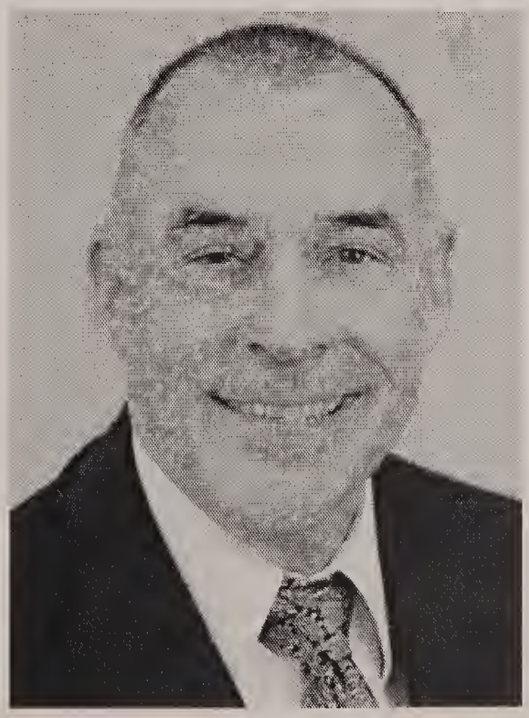
Seth Berglee



Tom Berry

Tom Berry - Roundup, House District 40, Republican. Born 1949 in Sidney; Dawson County High School graduate; attended Dawson Community College, Dickinson State University, and Montana State University-Billings; rancher and independent insurance agency owner; Livingston Rotary past president; Musselshell County Planning Board; Tri-County Housing in Roundup; Livingston Area Chamber of Commerce past president; Livingston Rodeo Assn past vice president; served in Montana Army National Guard; served in House since 2009; spouse's name is Colleen; they have two children, Michelle and Ryan, and two grandchildren.

Randy Brodehl - Kalispell, House District 9, Republican. Born 1954 in Stockton, California; moved to Montana in 2001; B.S. in fire service management, Western Oregon State University; Executive Fire Officer Program, National Fire Academy; cabinet shop owner; served in House since 2011, Legislative Audit Committee chair 2013-14; spouse's name is Joyce; they have six children.



Randy Brodehl



Bob Brown

Bob Brown - Thompson Falls, House District 13, Republican. Born 1963 in Port Angeles, Washington; moved to Montana in 1995; Washington Environmental Training Center attendee; general contractor; member of Thompson Falls Assembly of God Church and Thompson Falls Chamber of Commerce; spouse's name is Debbie; they have two daughters.

Zach Brown - Bozeman, House District 63, Democrat. Born 1990 in Bozeman; B.A. in environmental studies with a minor in climate change studies with a focus on water policy and watershed management, University of Montana; independent contractor; 2012-13 President of the Associated Students of the University of Montana; Harry S. Truman scholar; Morris and Stuart Udall scholar (twice); Madeline Albright Fellow; avid hunter and fly fisherman; proud uncle of five.



Zach Brown



Tom Burnett

Tom Burnett - Bozeman, House District 67, Republican. Born 1954 in Sheridan; B.S. in agriculture, Montana State University; retired, light manufacturing; served in House in 2011; spouse's name is Melani; they have four children.

Christy Clark - Choteau, House District 17, Republican. Born 1966 in Choteau; Choteau High School graduate; B.A. in English, California State University, Sacramento; 5th generation rancher; served in House since 2011; Majority Whip 2013-14; spouse's name is Lew; they have three children, Karli, Jack, and Joel.



Christy Clark



Rob Cook

Rob Cook - Conrad, House District 18, Republican. Born 1965 in Choteau; B.S. in mechanical engineering, Montana State University; mechanical engineer for Montana Manufacturing Extension Center; partner in Intercontinental Truck Body; Freemason; Shriner; served in House since 2011.

Virginia Court - Billings, House District 50, Democrat. Born 1945 in Whitehall; B.S., Montana State University; owned and operated small business for 25 years; school board for SD 17H; served in House since 2011; spouse's name is James (Jim); they have five children.



Virginia Court



Mike Cuffe

Mike Cuffe - Eureka, House District 2, Republican. Born 1947 in Eureka; B.A. in journalism, University of Montana; retired lumber/plywood mill manager/owner; owner of advertising/publicity business; served in House since 2011; Majority Whip 2013-14; spouse's name is JoAn; they have two children.

Willis Curdy - Missoula, House District 98, Democrat. Born 1948 in Hamilton; B.A. in history, M.Ed., University of Montana; private, commercial multi-engine, flight instructor certificate, master parachute rigger license, and instrument rating, FAA; 30-year high school social studies teacher; smoke jumper 1971-2000; U.S. Forest Service pilot 2000-06; flight instructor and farmer/rancher; Missoula Back Country Horsemen; Target Range Homeowners Assn; Montana Back Country Hunters and Fishermen; Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation; Big Flat Irrigation District Commissioner; Missoula Rural Fire District Board of Trustees; 4th generation Montanan; part owner of Curdy Cattle Co.; back country trail maintenance; spouse's name is Gloria Shook Curdy; they have two sons.



Willis Curdy



Geraldine Custer

Geraldine Custer - Forsyth, House District 39, Republican. Born 1955 in Miles City; Melstone High School, graduate; Eastern Montana College; Rosebud County Clerk and Recorder (retired); past president Montana Association of Clerks and Recorders; Rosebud Community Hospital Trustee; study commissioner Montana Election Task Advisory Council to Secretary of State; she has two daughters, Amy and Arica.

Alan Doane - Bloomfield, House District 36, Republican. Born 1965 in Glendive; Dawson County High School graduate; graduate of Dawson Community College in farm and ranch business management 2006; rancher; served in House since 2013; Majority Whip 2015-16; spouse's name is Kathy; their children are grown.



Alan Doane



Kimberly Dudik

Kimberly Dudik - Missoula, House District 94, Democrat. Born 1974 in Missoula; B.S. in nursing, Montana State University; J.D., University of Montana School of Law; M.S. in public health, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health; attorney and registered nurse; Missoula Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Team; Montana Anti-Trafficking Project; served in House since 2013; spouse's name is Matt Lowy; they have three children.

Mary Ann Dunwell - Helena, House District 84, Democrat. Born 1954 in Wilmington, Delaware; moved to Montana in 2004; B.A. in speech/communication, University of Delaware; public information officer for the Montana Department of Revenue; Lewis and Clark Democratic Central Committee Precinct Committee Woman and Treasurer; served on Helena Citizens Council; as a journalist won an Emmy for best public service series; spouse's name is Don; they have one son.



Mary Ann Dunwell



Jenny Eck

Jenny Eck - Helena, House District 79, Democrat. Born 1979 in Arlington, Virginia; first came to Montana in 2000 as a student at the University of Montana in the wilderness and civilization program, and moved here in 2003 with her husband to raise their family; B.A. in political science, Smith College; served in House since 2013; Minority Whip 2015-16; spouse's name is Brian Miller; they have two children.

Ron Ehli - Hamilton, House District 86, Republican. Born 1956 in Circle; B.S. in business management, Montana State University; small business owner; served in House since 2011; spouse's name is Laura; they have two adult sons.



Ron Ehli



Janet Ellis

Janet Ellis - Helena, House District 81, Democrat. Born 1956 in Columbus, Ohio; moved to Montana in 1976; Upper Arlington High School (Columbus, Ohio) graduate; B.A. in biology, University of Montana; program director for Montana Audubon; spouse's name is Jim Hansen; they have one son.

Jeffrey V. Essmann - Billings, House District 54, Republican. Born 1952 in Billings; Billings West graduate; B.S. in industrial engineering, Illinois Institute of Technology; J.D., University of Montana School of Law; business owner and property developer; has practiced law in Billings and Butte; Yellowstone County Planning Board 1998-01; Yellowstone County Republican Central Committee chair 1995-99; Republican National Convention delegate 1996; NFIB member; served in Senate 2005-14; Senate President 2013-14; spouse's name is Sherry.



Jeffrey V. Essmann



Clayton Fiscus

Clayton Fiscus - Billings, House District 43, Republican. Born 1936 in Belle Fourche, South Dakota; moved to Montana in 1971; Newell High School graduate; 40 years as real estate broker; owner of Fiscus Realty of Billings; U.S. Navy 1957-61; served in House since 2013; spouse's name is Lori Jo; they have two children.

Steve Fitzpatrick - Great Falls, House District 20, Republican. Born 1978 in Helena; Helena High graduate; B.S. in biological sciences, Montana State University; J.D., Arizona State University College of Law; attorney; served in House since 2011; spouse's name is Julia; they have three children.



Steve Fitzpatrick



Kelly Flynn

Kelly Flynn - Townsend, House District 70, Republican. Born 1954 in Townsend; B.A. in English and physical education, Western Montana College; rancher; author of Goldpans, Guns and Grit: Diamond City from Territorial Gold Rush to Montana Ghost Town; served in House since 2011; spouse's name is Jill; they have two children.

Moffie Funk - Helena, House District 82, Democrat. Born 1954 in the District of Columbia; moved to Montana in 1995; B.A. in political science, UC Berkeley; educators license, Carroll College; middle school social studies teacher; she has two children.



Moffie Funk



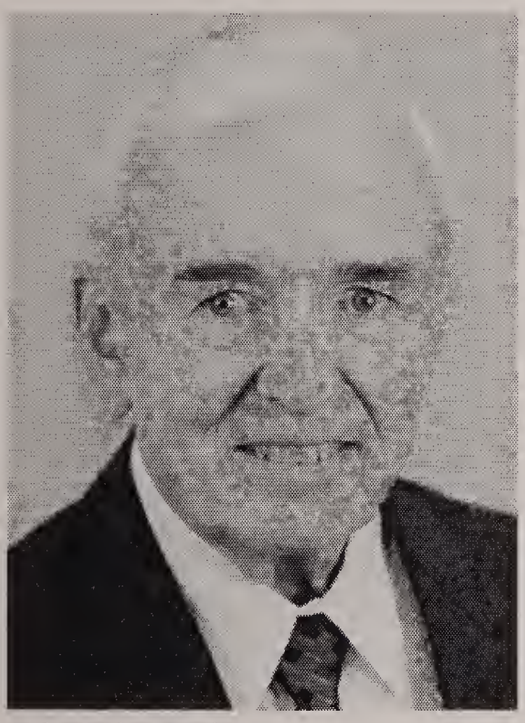
Frank Garner

Frank Garner - Kalispell, House District 7, Republican. Born 1962 in Independence, Missouri; moved to Montana in 1970; Flathead High School graduate; A.A. in social justice, Flathead Valley Community College; chief of security for Kalispell Regional Healthcare; member of Rotary, Lions and Flathead Valley Community College Foundation; Great Chiefs Award (Kalispell Chamber of Commerce); Best in Business Alumni Award from Flathead Valley Community College; Melvin Jones Fellowship from Lions International; spouse's name is Teresa; they have three children.

Carl Glimm - Kila, House District 6, Republican. Born 1974 in Conrad; B.S. in construction engineering technology, Montana State University; home builder; president Glimm Homes Custom Home Builders; served in House since 2013; spouse's name is Amy; they have a son and a daughter, Matthew and Rylee.



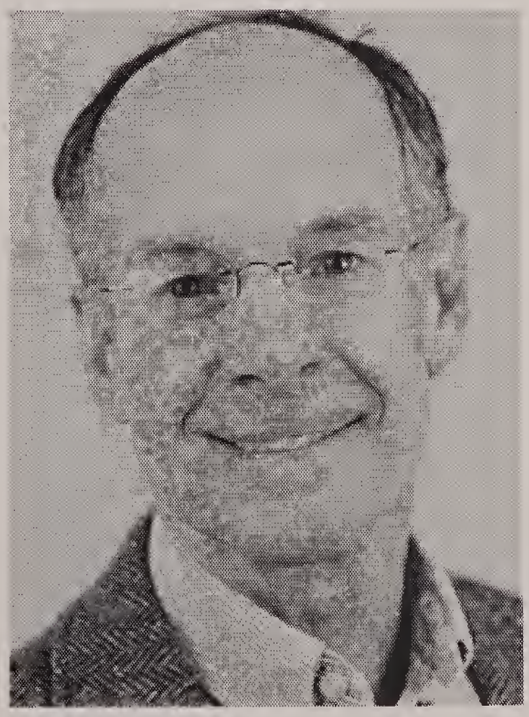
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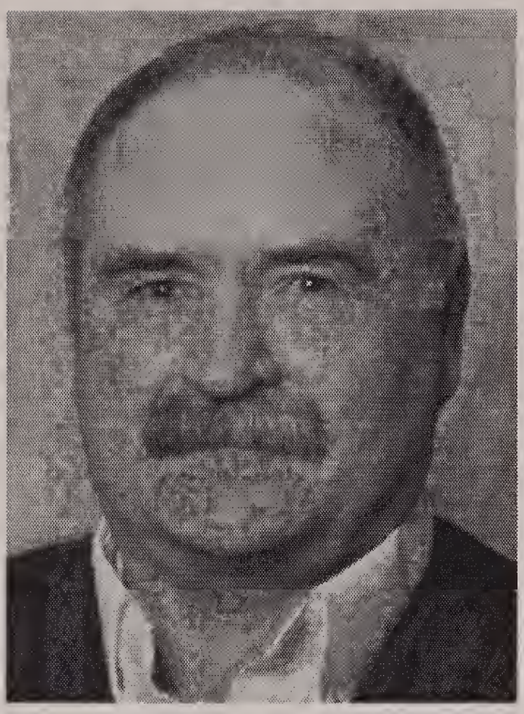
Edward Greef

Edward Greef - Florence, House District 88, Republican. Born 1940 in Sandpoint, Idaho; moved to Montana in 1984; attended Washington State University for two years studying forestry and economics; sawmill sales and marketing, lumber sales, added value; U.S. Air Force 1960-63; served in House since 2011; spouse's name is Sharon; they have two daughters and five grandchildren.

Dave Hagstrom - Billings, House District 52, Republican. Born 1956 in Billings; B.S. in psychology, Eastern Montana College; residential real estate developer; secretary/treasurer for Community Development, Inc.; board member America's Hand in Hand; served in House since 2013; spouse's name is Cindy; they have four children and nine grandchildren.



Dave Hagstrom



Bill Harris

Bill Harris - Winnett, House District 29, Republican. Born 1948 in Lewistown; attended Eastern Montana College; cattle rancher; served two years in the U.S. Army; served in House since 2011; he has four children.

Denise Hayman - Bozeman, House District 66, Democrat. Born 1951 in Winnipeg, Canada; moved to Montana in 1986; attended Pasadena City College; development director; five terms on Bozeman School Board; spouse's name is Michael Scott; they have two children.



Denise Hayman



Greg Hertz

Greg Hertz - Polson, House District 12, Republican. Born 1957 in Malta; B.A. in accounting, University of Montana; certified public accountant; president and CEO Moody's Market, Inc., retail grocery stores; member of Rotary; served in House since 2013; Minority Whip 2015-16; spouse's name is Kate; they have three children.

Stephanie Hess - Havre, House District 28, Republican. Born 1972 in Sterling, Illinois; moved to Montana in 2003; B.S. in social work; social worker.



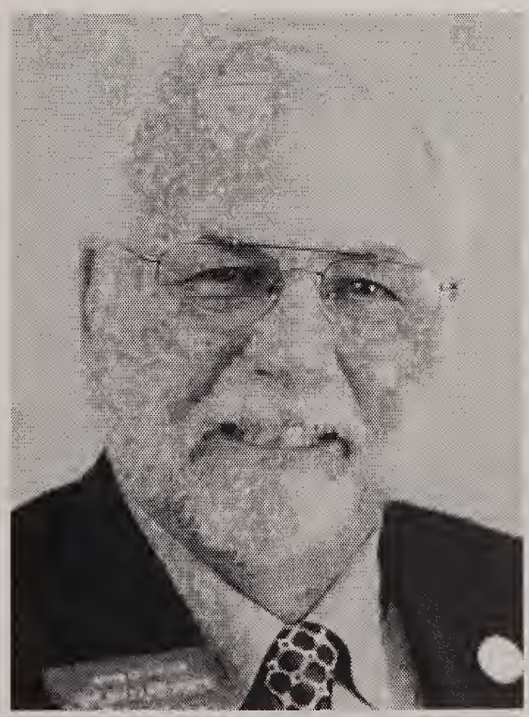
Stephanie Hess



Ellie Boldman Hill

Ellie Boldman Hill - Missoula, House District 90, Democrat. Born 1975 in Phoenix, Arizona; B.S. in psychology, Boise State University; J.D., University of Idaho College of Law; licensed attorney in Idaho and Montana; state director for the Young Elected Officials Network; regional director for NCSL Women's Caucus; state director WiLL (Women Legislators Lobby); 2013 NAMI Hero award recipient; served in House since 2011; spouse's name is Dr. Tyler Smith; they have three boys, Elliot, Evan, and Jackson.

Roy Hollandsworth - Brady, House District 27, Republican. Born 1947 in Great Falls; Conrad High School graduate; attended Montana State University for two years majoring in mechanical engineering; retired farmer and agriculture businessman; member of Eagle Bend Yacht Harbor Board; served in the House since 2009; spouse's name is Karen; they have five children.



Roy Hollandsworth



Kenneth Holmlund

Kenneth Holmlund - Miles City, House District 38, Republican. Born 1948 in Miles City; B.A. in secondary education, M.A. in social studies with minor in math; attended Miles City Community College and Eastern Montana College; retired locksmith after 30 years; Kiwanis member for over 30 years, including past Montana District Governor for 2001-02; chairman of the board of a 501(c)(3) after-school program since 2009; spouse's name is Joyce; they have four children.

Tom Jacobson - Great Falls, House District 21, Democrat. Born 1967 in Ames, Iowa; moved to Montana in 1969; B.S. in business management, University of Great Falls, M.P.A., University of Wyoming; executive director of Rural Dynamics, Inc.; served in House since 2013; spouse's name is Charity; they have a blended family of six children.



Tom Jacobson



Donald Jones

Donald Jones - Billings, House District 46, Republican. Born in Missouri; B.S. in business administration; business owner; served six years on Billings City Council; treasurer of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Yellowstone County; served in House since 2013; spouse's name is Jean; they have three grown children, Josh, DJ, and Sarah.

Jessica Karjala - Billings, House District 48, Democrat. Born 1965 in Denver, Colorado; moved to Montana in 1973; B.A. in English literature with a minor in public administration, University of Montana; instruct/tech nonprofit administration at Billings Community Education; affiliated member of the Montana Nonprofit Association; spouse's name is Jon Kosovich; they have two children, Kaitlin Baretta and Josie Baretta, and one grandchild.



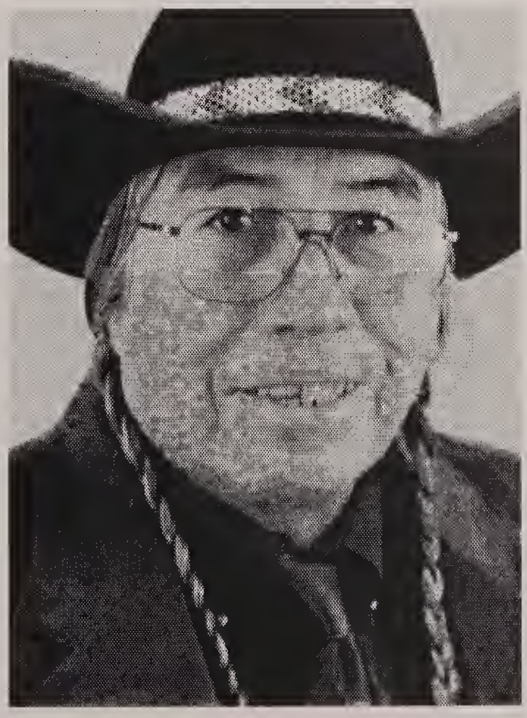
Jessica Karjala



Kathy Kelker

Kathy Kelker - Billings, House District 47, Democrat. Born 1943 in Cleveland, Ohio; moved to Montana in 1978; Ed.D., adult and higher education with a concentration on special education, Montana State University; retired nonprofit executive director; Billings Clinic Foundation Board; Board of Directors for St. John's Lutheran Home Ministries; 15 years as a school trustee for Billings Public Schools; United Way of Yellowstone County Board; Best Beginnings Board; YWCA Salute to Women Child Advocate Award; Billings Chapter of Rotary Faculty Excellence Award Montana State University-Billings; spouse's name is Paul; they have four children.

George Kipp III - Heart Butte, House District 15, Democrat. Born 1951 in Browning; A.A.S. degree, construction technology, and A.A. in general studies; education vo-tech administration and rancher; member of the Blackfeet tribe; county F.S.A. board member; spouse's name is Melinda; they have eight children.



George Kipp III



Debra Lamm

Debra Lamm - Livingston, House District 60, Republican. Born 1952 in Illinois; moved to Montana in 2007; B.S. in biological sciences and secondary education, Northern Illinois University; M.B.A., Lake Forest Graduate School of Management; J.D., Stetson University College of Law; small business owner; licensed attorney in Florida; Montana GOP Executive Board; chair of Park County Republicans; chair of family law section of the Orange County Bar Association of Orlando, Florida; editor of the Stetson Law Journal; advocated for educational freedom during the 2011 and 2013 sessions of the Montana Legislature; 2014 Milton Friedman Champion of Education Freedom Award; 1997 Guardian ad Litem service award; spouse's name is Joe.

Mike Lang - Malta, House District 33, Republican. Born 1949 in Fort Belknap; Malta High School graduate; B.S. in business, Eastern Montana College; business owner for 27 years, Northern Ag Service; involved in community affairs, chamber and economic development; served in House since 2013; spouse's name is Lorna; they have three children, Micah, Lisa, and Lindsay.



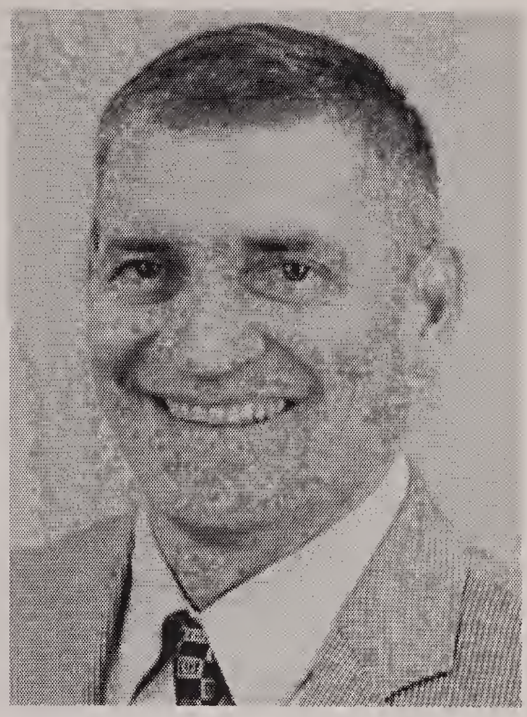
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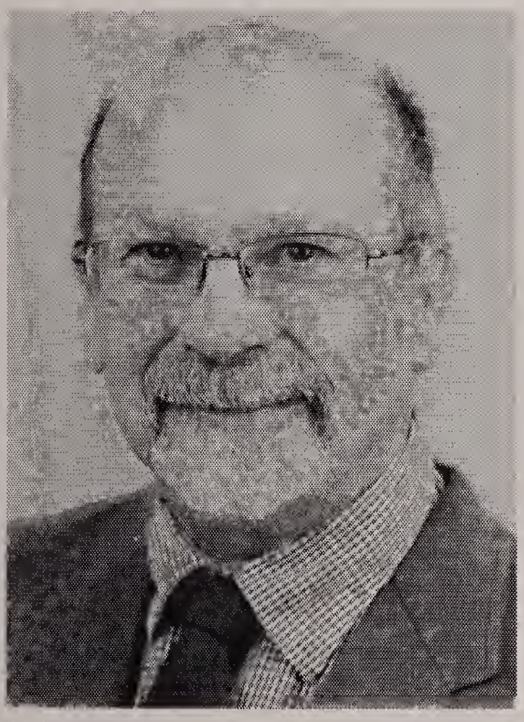
Sarah Laszloffy

Sarah Laszloffy - Billings, House District 53, Republican. Born 1991 in Billings; home schooled graduating in 2009; began college studies in international relations and political science but degree not yet completed; past state director for ACE scholarships; served in House since 2013; Majority Whip 2015-16.

Steve Lavin - Kalispell, House District 8, Republican. Born 1967 in Helena; Helena Capital High School graduate; B.S. in sociology, Montana State University; served in House since 2011; spouse's name is Amy; they have two children, Michael and Cassidy.



Steve Lavin



Ed Lieser

Ed Lieser - Whitefish, House District 5, Democrat. Born 1949 in St. Paul, Minnesota; moved to Montana in 1990; B.S. in natural resource management, University of Minnesota; graduate credits, University of Montana, University of Idaho, and Washington State University; forester; U.S. Navy 1970-76; served in House since 2013; spouse's name is Sue; they have three children.

Ryan Lynch - Butte, House District 76, Democrat. Born 1981 in Butte; Butte Central High School graduate; B.A. in business administration with an emphasis in marketing and international business, Gonzaga University; director of development; served in House since 2013.



Ryan Lynch



Margaret (Margie) MacDonald

Margaret (Margie) MacDonald - Billings, House District 51, Democrat. Born 1951 in Glendive; Dawson County High School graduate; B.S. in journalism with minors in library science and secondary education, University of Montana; community organizer and nonprofit organizer; community leader on education, human rights, church, local food, and conservation efforts; served in House since 2009; Minority Whip 2013-16; spouse's name is John Smillie; they have two children.

Forrest Mandeville - Columbus, House District 57, Republican. Born 1984 in Columbus; B.A. in political science, Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego, CA; MPA, Montana State University-Billings; planner; spouse's name is Rebekah Mandeville; they have one child.



Forrest Mandeville



Theresa Manzella

Theresa Manzella - Hamilton, House District 85, Republican. Born 1964 in Pontiac, Michigan; moved to Montana in 1992; she has never allowed school to get in the way of her education and has had a lifetime of wonderful mentors; self-employed since 1992; owner, trainer, builder, and chief stall mucker at TNT Paints and Performance Horses; served on the agri-business committee and the Right to Farm and Ranch; 23-time state regional and national NHRA champion; Bitterroot Valley Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the year for 2009; founder of Cowkids for Christ youth horsemanship program and willing servant horse rescue focused on keeping horses and people out of criminal neglect situations while preserving owners rights; spouse's name is Ken Lengyel.

Kelly McCarthy - Billings, House District 49, Democrat. Born 1966 in Billings; B.S. in professional aeronautics, Embry Riddle Aeronautics University, M.B.A. in global business, University of Texas-Dallas; president of the Artos Group; U.S. Air Force 1985-2001; served in House since 2013; spouse's name is Glenda; they have two children.



Kelly McCarthy



Edie McClafferty

Edie McClafferty - Butte, House District 73, Democrat. Born 1960 in Butte; B.S. in elementary education with a minor in reading and special education, University of Montana-Western; 5th grade elementary teacher; Butte-Silver Bow County Commissioner 1992-2001, Finance and Budget chair; currently serve on Butte-Silver Bow Fire Commission and BNRDC of Butte (Butte Natural Resource Damage Restoration Council); K-12 data task force; Montana College and Cares Standards Commission; served in House since 2009; Minority Whip 2013-14; vice-chair of Education Committee since 2011; spouse's name is Danny; they have three children, Amber, Jenni, and John.

Nate McConnell - Missoula, House District 89, Democrat. Born 1971 in Alton, Illinois; moved to Montana in 2001; B.A., University of New Mexico; J.D., Southern Illinois University; M.A., University of Montana; lawyer; spouse's name is Jamie; they have one child.



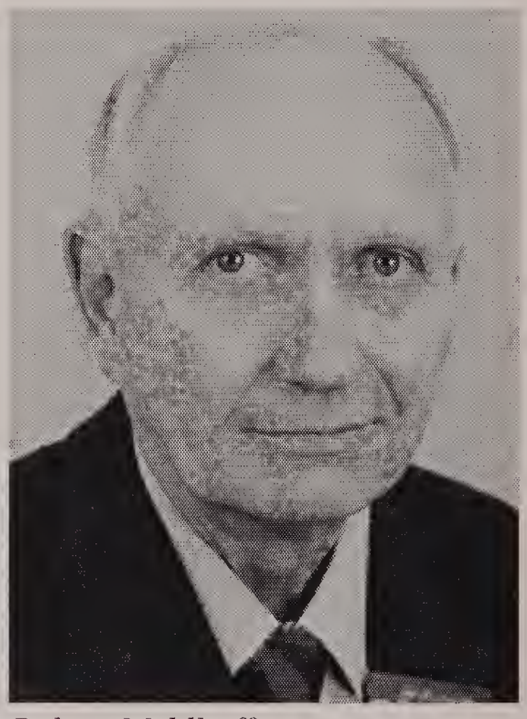
Nate McConnell



Wendy McKamey

Wendy McKamey - Great Falls, House District 23, Republican. Born in Logan, Utah; moved to Montana in 1965; B.S. in environmental design and housing and home management, Brigham Young University; rancher and account executive; member of Epsilon Sigma Alpha; Leadership Great Falls graduate; secretary of High Plains Financial Board; spouse's name is James Leslie (Les); they have seven children.

Robert Mehlhoff - Great Falls, House District 22, Democrat. Born 1947 in Great Falls; B.S. in math and chemistry, University of Great Falls; 5th year degree in education, University of Montana; M.S. in educational technology, Lesley University; teacher at Montana State University-Great Falls; served in House since 2009.



Robert Mehlhoff



G. Bruce Meyers

G. Bruce Meyers - Box Elder, House District 32, Republican. Born 1948 in Box Elder; M.A. in higher education administration with masters level work in public administration and public health; currently self-employed as a management and organizational development consultant; retired college and university administration; member of the Chippewa Cree tribe; mediation and dispute resolution organization; former coordinator of Indian Affairs office of the Governor for the State of Montana working with representatives from 150 1st nation tribal groups' governments; instruction certification in political science and sociology; he has eight children.

Mike Miller - Helmville, House District 80, Republican. Born 1952 in California; moved to Montana in 1999; DeAnza High School (Richmond, California) graduate; completed 3,000 hours of naval computer/electronics training; owner of Lakeview Computer Services; U.S. Navy 1970-78; served in House since 2009; spouse's name is JoAnne.



Mike Miller



Matthew Monforton

Matthew Monforton - Bozeman, House District 69, Republican. Born 1968 in Bozeman; Flathead High School graduate; B.A. in government, Claremont McKenna College in Claremont, California; J.D., UCLA School of Law; spouse's name is Damaris; they have four children.

David (Doc) Moore - Missoula, House District 92, Republican. Born 1961 in Great Falls; B.S. in business, B.A. in organizational communications, and M.B.A., University of Montana; retired service manager and auto mechanic; served in House since 2013; widowed.



David (Doc) Moore



Dale Mortensen

Dale Mortensen - Billings, House District 44, Republican. Born 1966 in Helena; B.S. in social and criminal justice, Montana Sate University; Montana POST advanced supervisory and instructor certificates; member of Freemasons, Al Bedoo Shriner, and Friends of NRA; field representative for Congressman Rehberg; spouse's name is Kelly; they have one child.

Mark Noland - Bigfork, House District 10, Republican. Born in 1959; studied business management at the University of Montana; small business owner; Lake County Republican Central Committee Chairman; spouse's name is Kathy; they have six children.



Mark Noland



Pat Noonan

Pat Noonan - Ramsay, House District 74, Democrat. Born 1977 in Butte; Butte High School graduate; B.A. in communications, Carroll College; AWARE employment service coordinator; served in House since 2009; spouse's name is Jennifer; they have two children, Hope and Haley.

Andrea Olsen - Missoula, House District 100, Democrat. Born 1961 in Missoula; born, raised and educated in Missoula; 5th generation Montanan; J.D., University of Montana (UM) School of Law; attorney; faculty affiliate at UM; served on UM Central Board in 1982.



Andrea Olsen



Albert Olszewski

Albert Olszewski - Kalispell, House District 11, Republican. Born 1962 in Great Falls; B.A. in biology, Carroll College; M.D., University of Washington; orthopedic surgery at Wilford Hall Medical Center; sports medicine fellowship at the University of Texas Health Science Center; orthopedic surgeon; Major in U.S. Air Force 1984 to 1997; spouse's name is Nancee; they have five children.

Ryan Osmundson - Buffalo, House District 30, Republican. Born 1979 in Iowa; moved to Montana in 2000; home-schooled; attended Montana Wilderness School of the Bible and Colorado Aero Tech; small business owner; served in House since 2011; spouse's name is Jessica; they have eight children.



Ryan Osmundson



Carolyn Pease-Lopez

Carolyn Pease-Lopez - Billings, House District 42, Democrat. Born 1949 in Crow Agency; B.A., University of Colorado; pastor; member of the Crow tribe; executive committee on national caucus of Native American State Legislators for the past four years and was re-elected to this caucus in August; served in House since 2009; Minority Caucus Chair 2015-16; spouse's name is David Lopez; they have five children.

Rae Peppers - Lame Deer, House District 41, Democrat. Born 1956 in Crow Agency; B.S. in business and Masters degree in business and information technology, Montana State University-Billings; general manager of Northern Cheyenne Utilities Commission; member of the Crow/Northern Cheyenne tribe; school board trustee; served in House since 2013; spouse's name is James; they have five children.



Rae Peppers



Zac Perry

Zac Perry - Hungry Horse, House District 3, Democrat. Born 1977 in Harbor City, California; moved to Montana in 1978; B.A. in government and international relations, University of Notre Dame; high school substitute teacher; clerk at O'Brien's liquor store; vacation rental business manager.

Andrew Person - Missoula, House District 96, Democrat. Born 1979 in Helena; B.A. in political science, Gonzaga University; MS in foreign service, Georgetown University; J.D., University of Montana School of Law; lawyer; U.S. Army 2001-06, served in 173rd Airborne Brigade with deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan; member of Veterans of Foreign Wars; appointed to House in January 2014.



Andrew Person



Gordon Pierson

Gordon Pierson - Deer Lodge, House District 78, Democrat. Born 1971 in Deer Lodge; B.S. in nursing, Montana Tech; registered nurse, Community Hospital of Anaconda; served in the Montana Army National Guard; served in House since 2013; he has one son.

Randall Pinocci - Sun River, House District 19, Republican. Born 1964; two years at College of Great Falls and one year at Great Falls Vo-tech; printing sales with Advanced Litho Printing; spouse's name is Svetlana; they have three children.



Randall Pinocci



Christopher Pope

Christopher Pope - Bozeman, House District 65, Democrat. Born 1952 in Biloxi, Mississippi; moved to Montana in 1991; B.A. in Spanish literature, University of Oregon; masters of public and private management, Yale University School of Management; commercial real estate broker licensed in Montana; member of Rotary International; chair of Bozeman Parking Commission 2002-12; 20 plus years business and property owner in historic downtown Bozeman; Board of Directors Eagle Mount 1994-2000 and Montana Conservation Corps 2012 to present; spouse's name is Maddy; they have two children.



Jean Price

Jean Price - Great Falls, House District 24, Democrat. Born 1943 in Grand Island, Nebraska; moved to Montana in 1974; B.A. in education, Hastings College in Hastings, NE; M.A. in sculpture, Ft. Hays State University (Kansas); M.F.A. in fibers, Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, IL; public school art educator; served in House since 2011; she has one daughter.



Alan Redfield

Alan Redfield - Livingston, House District 59, Republican. Born 1952 in Atlanta, Georgia; moved to Montana in 1955; B.S. in agriculture education, Montana State University; rancher; 12 years on the local school board; served in House since 2013; spouse's name is Lauric; they have two grown daughters.

Vince Ricci - Laurel, House District 55, Republican. Born 1953 in Livingston; Park High School graduate; small business owner; retired Laurel Volunteer Fire Department; spouse's name is Debbie; they have three sons.



Vince Ricci



Tom Richmond

Tom Richmond - Billings, House District 56. Born 1948 in Great Falls; B.S. in petroleum engineering, Montana Tech; retired administrator of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation; president of the Yellowstone Radio Club; spouse's name is René.

Daniel Salomon - Ronan, House District 93, Republican. Born 1957 in Ronan; B.S. in agriculture production, Montana State University; farmer; serves on Ronan school board; served in House since 2011; spouse's name is Janey; they have three children.



Daniel Salomon



Casey Schreiner

Casey Schreiner - Great Falls, House District 25, Democrat. Born 1982 in Great Falls; M.Ed., Montana State University; Director of the State Workforce Investment Board; served in House since 2013; spouse's name is Teresa; they have one child.

Nicholas Schwaderer - Superior, House District 14, Republican. Born 1988 in Missoula; St. Regis High School graduate; B.S. in law and business studies, Plymouth University; cashier, policy writer, and web developer; served in House since 2013.



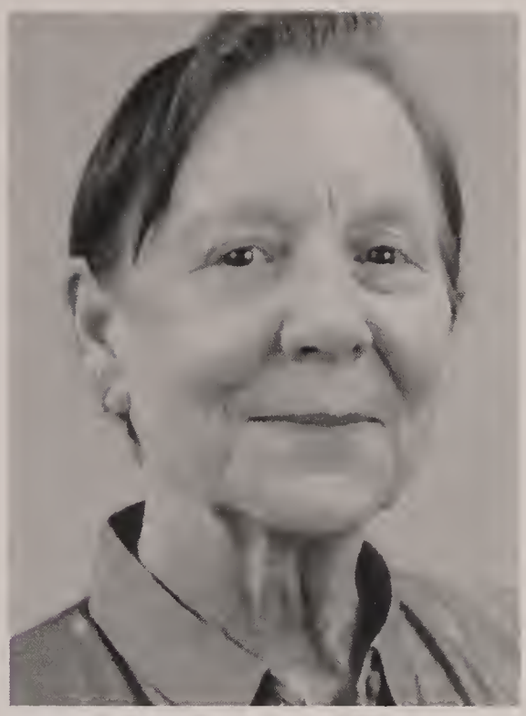
Nicholas Schwaderer



Ray Shaw

Ray Shaw - Sheridan, House District 71, Republican. Born 1946 in Sheridan; attended Montana Tech; owner of integrated weed management business and rancher; served in the Air Force and is a Vietnam veteran; member of Mason's Lodge #1 in Virginia City; Shriner; Farm Bureau member; Montana Stockgrower member; Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation lifetime member; Montana Weed Control Association; VFW member; South Montana Stockgrower; served in House since 2013; he has three daughters.

Bridget Smith - Wolf Point, House District 31, Democrat. Born 1951 in Glendale, California; moved to Montana in 1975; B.A. in community studies, NAES College; retired social worker; farming and ranching; Democratic Central Committee officer; precinct committee woman; served in House since 2013; significant other's name is Richard DeCelles; they have two sons, Forrest and Garrett Smith.



Bridget Smith



Scott Staffanson

Scott Staffanson - Sidney, House District 35, Republican. Born 1960 in Sidney; B.S. in mechanized agriculture, Montana State University; farmer and rancher; appointed to House in August 2013; spouse's name is Gail; they have four children.

Tom Steenberg - Missoula, House District 99, Democrat. Born 1958 in St. Paul, Minnesota; moved to Montana in 1978; Nagoya International High School (Nagoya, Japan) graduate; attended Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota; retired from the Missoula Fire Department; served in House since 2013, spouse's name is Mary.



Tom Steenberg



Kathy Swanson

Kathy Swanson - Anaconda, House District 77, Democrat. Born 1947 in Anaconda; Anaconda Central High School graduate; retired from Southwest Montana Community Federal Credit Union after 20 years as a teller supervisor; member of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians; served in House since 2011; widow; she has four children and four grandchildren.

Mitch Tropila - Great Falls, House District 26, Democrat. Born 1963 in Great Falls; B.S. in business administration and B.A. in radio/tv, University of Montana; president of Big Fish, LLC; member of Great Falls Public Library Board; retired Peace Corps volunteer from Botswana; served in Senate 2007-14; spouse's name is Erin.



Mitch Tropila



Brad Tschida

Brad Tschida - Missoula, House District 97, Republican. Born 1954 in Minneapolis, Minnesota; moved to Montana in 1963; B.A. in education (history and political science), minor in math and sufficient post-graduate credits for a masters, University of Montana; dairy ingredients marketing; member of the Exchange Club; spouse's name is Leslee; they have five children.

Kirk Wagoner - Montana City, House District 75, Republican. Born 1969 in Spokane, Washington; moved to Montana in 2004; U.S. Navy School explosive ordinance disposal; two years of electrical engineering and two years of computer science; unexploded ordinance technician and computer consultant; member of the American Legion; 20 years U.S. Navy and Naval Reserve; served in House since 2013; spouse's name is Grace; they have four children.



Kirk Wagoner



Susan Webber

Susan Webber - Browning, House District 16, Democrat. Born 1955 in Browning; M.P.A., Montana State University; consultant; adjunct instructor at Blackfeet Community College; enrolled member of the Blackfeet tribe; involved with Blackfeet Project; member of Blackfeet Community College Board of Trustees; spouse's name is George; they have three children.

Jeffrey Welborn - Dillon, House District 72, Republican. Born 1968 in Dillon; owner of trailer and equipment sales dealership; professional auctioneering firm; member of Shriners International; Potentate Baghdad Shriners; Private Lands Public Wildlife Council; past director of Montana Farm Bureau Federation; served in House since 2009; Majority Whip 2013-14; spouse's name is Marni Fifield; he has two stepsons.



Jeffrey Welborn



Kerry White

Kerry White - Bozeman, House District 64, Republican. Born 1954 in Bozeman; automotive trade school; ASE certified master technician; owner of Auto Doctor since 1986; president of Gallatin County Sons and Daughters of the Pioneers; served in House since 2013; spouse's name is Patty; they have three children.

Kathleen Williams - Bozeman, House District 61, Democrat. Born 1961 in Letterman Army Hospital in California; moved to Montana in 1995; B.S. in resource economics, UC Berkeley; M.S. in recreation resources, Colorado State University; associate director of Western Landowners Alliance; House delegate to Pacific Northwest Economic Region, a U.S.-Canadian Trade Association; vice-chair of Water and Environment Committee of CSG West; reserved water right compact commission member; served in House since 2011; spouse's name is Thomas Pick; she has two stepsons.



Kathleen Williams



Nancy Wilson

Nancy Wilson - Missoula, House District 95, Democrat. Born 1954 in Pierre, South Dakota. moved to Montana in 1954; Helena High School graduate; studied several years at the University of Montana; ASUM Director of Transportation at the University of Montana, retired after 28 years of service; strong community background in neighborhood, local community, planning and transportation issues; served in House since 2013; spouse's name is Alex Taft; they have two daughters, Madeline McKiddy and Whitney McKiddy.

Art Wittich - Bozeman, House District 68, Republican. Born 1957 in Florida; moved to Montana in 1982; B.S. in economics and environmental studies, Utah State University; J.D., University of Montana School of Law; attorney; U.S. Coast Guard 1975-79; served in Senate 2011-14; Majority Leader 2013-14; spouse's name is Candace; they have two daughters.



Art Wittich



Tom Woods

Tom Woods - Bozeman, House District 62, Democrat. Born 1961 in Cleveland, Ohio; moved to Montana in 1986; B.S. in broadfield science, Montana State University; working on M.P.A.; adjunct instructor at Montana State University teaching cell biology, medical ethics, seminar, and physics; former bartender, bellhop, utility technician, musician and hotel manager; served in House since 2013; spouse's name is Dr. Katie Woods; they have two sons.

Daniel Zolnikov - Billings, House District 45, Republican. Born in 1987 in Oregon; moved to Montana in 1994; bachelor's degree in marketing, information systems, and management with a minor in political science; Forbes 30 under 30 in 2014; Law and Policy Red Alert Politics; 30 under 30 conservatives nationally; served in House since 2013.



Daniel Zolnikov

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